

RETIREMENT OF MR. JUSTICE VAN DEVANTER.

By order of the CHIEF JUSTICE the following correspondence between the Court and MR. JUSTICE VAN DEVANTER was appended to the minutes of June 1, 1937.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, D. C.

June 2, 1937.

DEAR JUSTICE VAN DEVANTER:

Your decision to avail yourself of the rights and privileges specified in the recent retirement act gives us a poignant sense of regret at the loss of the close association it has been our privilege to enjoy for so many years. Your temperament and industry, your exact knowledge of precedents and practice, and your precision of statement, have enabled you to render an invaluable service in our conferences, and your labors have entered into the very warp and woof of the jurisprudence of the Court. You will carry into your retirement the assurance of our high esteem and warm affection and we trust that you will have many years of continued vigor. We shall greatly miss your wise counsel and delightful companionship.

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES E. HUGHES,
J. C. McREYNOLDS,
LOUIS D. BRANDEIS,
GEO. SUTHERLAND,
PIERCE BUTLER,
HARLAN F. STONE,
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WILLIS VAN DEVANTER
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June 2, 1937.

MY DEAR BRETHREN:

I am grateful for your generous words of esteem and affection. Intimate association with you in the work of the Court has been to me both enjoyable and inspiring; and I shall carry into my retirement happy memories of that association, together with profound respect and true affection for each and all of you.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

WILLIS VAN DEVANTER.

The CHIEF JUSTICE and
ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT.